



# *Salem Lutheran Church*

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A Reconciling in Christ Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## *Participant*

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Pentecost*

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# Welcome to Worship!

**We want you to feel safe** so please know that we have 3 units of the best air cleaner on the market in the sanctuary. And we also have one running here in the lounge for when we have coffee hour or adult forums there. Also, you are most welcome to wear a mask at worship if you'd like.

**In the gospel assigned for this 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**, Jesus continues to talk to (and about!) the religious leaders who have continued in the human tradition of closing their ears and eyes and minds and hearts to the words of God's prophets. They have not only disrespected God, but have been complicit in the death of John the Baptist, and soon, Jesus suspects, they will bring about his own death. But it's not just the religious leaders whom Jesus indicts – it's each and every one of us whenever we sin and separate ourselves from the love of God. The psalmist prayed, "Restore us, O God of hosts...Turn now, look down from heaven...preserve what you have planted...let your face shine upon us and we shall be saved", and thanks be to God for answering that prayer, for as Paul writes in his letter to the Philippians, "we have been made righteous with God through faith in Christ".

**YOU are more important than your money!** Showing up for events is just as important and sometimes more important than writing a check, so please think about that when you are invited to participate in events listed in these announcement pages!

**Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study continues at 7:00 on zoom as we study Paul's letter to the Romans.** This past week we read chapter 5, verses 6-14, and reflected on how Paul's words are rooted in his own personal experience of thinking he was doing God's will when he was doing just the opposite, and then his personal and life-transforming encounter with the risen Christ. As we prepare for this week, begin reading Romans 5:15 and continue to the end of the chapter, noting how God is speaking to you. The zoom link is on Salem's calendar under the Resources tab at SalemBridgeport.org .

**Please join the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport's Raising the BAR (Becoming Anti-Racist) Team for a sacred conversation on race as they discuss Clint Smith's book How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America.** In this book Smith recounts his travels to "8 places in the US as well as one abroad to understand how each reckons with its relationship to the history of American slavery." For more info on the book, go to: <https://www.clintsmithiii.com/how-the-word-is-passed> **5 Online Sessions -9/14, 9/28, 10/12, 12/26, and 11/09 - 7:00 - 8:00 pm.** Register by going to: <https://ccgb.org/rtb> . As we read we are journaling about what we are feeling and learning. For the first session, we read the Prologue "The Whole City Is a Memorial to Slavery", and the chapters on Monticello and Whitney plantations and last week we looked at the one on Angola Prison. On 10/12 we'll begin by discussing the next chapter on Blandford Cemetery.

# Gathering

## GATHERING SONG

## Taste and See

*(as found in the ELCA worship books  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 493 and This Far by Faith # 126)*

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;  
my soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me.

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.

I called the Lord, who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free.

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust.

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

*Text: based on Psalm 34:1-8 by James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951; Meter Irregular*

*Music: TASTE AND SEE by James E. Moore Jr.*

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*Performance # 1 directed / produced by Richard Clemmitt, Christ Church, Winnetka, 04/25/21*

*as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yACCrBeUC80> [4:17]*

*Performance # 2 by Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Winnipeg, 10/31/20*

*as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odRVKOTMaFg> [5:02]*

***Please note that here we go live on Facebook.***

**WELCOME**

## **OPENING HYMN    When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

*(as found in the ELCA worship books  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 803 and This Far by Faith # 79)*

**When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss  
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down,  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

*Text:    based on Mt 27:29, Mk 15:17, 39, Jn 19:2,  
1 Cor 1:18, 27-31, Gal 6:14, Eph 3:7-9  
by Isaac Watts, 1674-1748; Meter L M*

*Music: HAMBURG by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872*

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*Performance by First-Plymouth Church Lincoln Nebraska, 03/29/18  
as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7ry0-ZDoik> [3:32]*

# Word

*Please be seated.*

## **A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 5:1-7**

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste;

it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,

and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;

he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Word of God! Word of Life! **Thanks be to God!**

## **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 80:7-15**

Restore us, O God of hosts;

**let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

You have brought a vine out of Egypt;

**you cast out the nations and planted it.**

You cleared the ground for it;

**it took root and filled the land.**

The mountains were covered by its shadow

**and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

You stretched out its tendrils to the sea

**and its branches to the river.**

Why have you broken down its wall,

**so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,

**and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.**

Turn now, O God of hosts,

**look down from heaven;**

behold and tend this vine;

**preserve what your right hand has planted.**

Word of God! Word of Life! **Thanks be to God!**

**A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: Philippians 3:4b-14**

[Paul writes:] If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God! Word of Life! **Thanks be to God!**

**A READING FROM THE GOSPELS: Matthew 21:33-46**

*You may stand if you so desire.*

[Jesus said to the people:] “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son’. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance’. So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?”

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Word of God! Word of Life! **Thanks be to God!**



*You may stand if you so desire.*

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH for the season of Pentecost**

Let us affirm our faith together.

**Through the Holy Spirit God created the heavens and the earth.**

**Inspired by the Spirit of God we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord of our lives.**

**We believe there are many gifts, but the same Spirit.**

**There are many ways of serving, but the same Lord.**

**There are many sorts of abilities, but it is the same God**

**who activates all of them in everyone for the sole purpose of doing God's will.**

**To each child of God is given an expression of the Spirit for the common good.**

**Through baptism in the Spirit, God confers the gifts of**

**wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge**

**and awe at God's boundless power and joy in God's endless love.**

**The Spirit also manifests in such gifts as healing, prophetic insight,**

**speaking in tongues, extraordinary ability, witness, and service.**

**The Spirit's living presence in us is demonstrated by our fruits:**

**love & joy, peace & patience, faithfulness, goodness, kindness, gentleness & self-control**

**all of which are activated by one and the same Spirit,**

**who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses,**

**to the glory of God and the joy of humankind. Amen**

## **PURPOSE STATEMENT** *(updated by Council in June of 2019)*

As members and friends of Salem Church, let us remind ourselves who we are:

**We are a community of Christian disciples called by the Holy Spirit.**

**In response to God's transforming love, we share our joy through praise and service, that we may encounter God, build relationships, and change lives.**

May it be so!

**Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Please be seated.*

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit,  
let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*So they can be heard online, these petitions will be offered by the leaders at the microphones.*

God of all grace, you are the source of life and joy.  
Strengthen the resolve of your church throughout the world,  
that together we press on toward the goal of your heavenly call in Jesus Christ.  
We pray for our mission partners,  
especially today for the Ephraim French Seventh Day Adventist Church.  
For every child and every family, especially those at Fairchild Wheeler High School,  
that they know that God loves them and has a beautiful plan for good things for their lives,  
to give them a future and a hope.  
And we pray for Salem members and their families.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all creation, you plant and nourish the earth as your own precious vineyard.  
Bless fields and orchards and the hands of those who labor in them,  
that your people are fed with an abundant harvest of good fruit.  
Bless the Bishop Jean Williams food pantry with the right new space for their work,  
and bless Ephraim French Seventh Day Adventist Church with a food panty!  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all the earth, you desire peace and justice between nations and peoples.  
Guide leaders of nations, states, provinces, and cities,  
that they faithfully govern your people with wisdom, integrity, and compassion.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all compassion, in Christ, you lovingly poured yourself out like wine for your people. Have  
mercy on all who mourn, all who cry out for justice, all who hunger, and all in any need,  
especially Barbro, Barry, Bob, Cliffy, Dave, David, Dennis, Diane, Dolores, Dorothy, Eric, Francesca,  
Hans, Janice, Jeff, Jim, Joe, Joey, John, Marija, Mary Anne, Melvin Jr, Natalie, Pastor Paul, Pastor  
Paula, Sara, Sasha, & VL, and all those we name in our hearts & on our lips.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all steadfastness, you set Christ as the cornerstone and foundation of the church.  
Build up this congregation as living stones,  
that it stands in this city as a witness to your enduring faithfulness and love.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all hope, we give thanks for Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church,  
and for all the saints who came before us who lived & died with their hearts fixed on you.  
We give you thanks for their faithful witness,  
and we wait with hope for the great day when we join their voices in praise.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*You are invited to offer your own prayer petition at this time, either silently or aloud.*

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and  
amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen**



# Thanksgiving

## OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, you said, “Give and it will be given to you...  
for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

**Give us the confidence to cheerfully give  
our tithes and offerings of time, talent and treasure to your work in this place,  
trusting that you will provide abundantly for all our needs.  
We pray this in the power of your Spirit. Amen**

## OFFERING INVITATION

*Please be seated.*

In response to God’s grace,  
it is our joy to return to God our tithes and offerings.  
We are grateful for your generosity,  
-which not only is an exercise of and witness to your faith,  
but which funds our ministry together here at Salem.



If you are a member of another congregation,  
we encourage you to give to your home congregation first,  
but invite you to contribute to our ministry also  
so that we can continue to take our worship online  
as a witness to the power and love of the amazing God we serve.  
Simply go to the menu on our website at SalemBridgeport.org and click “donate”  
or scan the QR code here in our Sunday worship program  
with a QR reader on your smart phone which will take you to that page.

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM      Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring**

**Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table.  
We do not worship as we ought but only as we're able.**

**The vines were planted, seeds were sown. They grew in your good pleasure.  
What once was common, daily food becomes a holy treasure.**

**Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in pray'r before you.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humbly we adore you.**

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*(Hymn #691 in [Evangelical Lutheran Worship](#)) is 148/655 in their hymn series)  
and is found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPLWefXfLNC> [1:42]*

## **Sending**

*Please be seated.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, THANK YOU, & BLESSING**

*Here ends our Facebook live stream.*

# Meal & Dismissal

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*You may stand if you so desire and make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
who Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies, and keeps us in the one true faith. **Amen**

God's love is infinite and unconditional.

As individuals we have only to accept it and live in its light. The moment we confess, we are forgiven.  
As together we gather for worship, so together we confess our sins as our community,  
and together we are forgiven, restored, and made new.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God, **we confess:**

**that too often we focus on the things we lack,  
that too often we are attached to our own personal agendas,  
that too often we insist on doing things our own way,  
that too often we are oblivious to the needs for justice around us.**

God who has heard our confession both forgives and forgets every failing. **Amen!**

Loving God, **teach us:**

**to see your amazing abundance rather than any lack,  
to listen more - to you and to each other - and to talk less,  
to trust in your power and not our own,  
to build relationships with those who are not like us.**

God who has given us the will to do these things ✠ graciously gives us the power to perform them.  
**Amen!**

## COMMUNION

*Please be seated.*

God be with you!

**And also with you!**

Open your hearts!

**We open them to God and one another!**

Let us give thanks to the God of all!

**It is right to give God thanks & praise!**

In the night in which he was betrayed....

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest and let these gifts to us be blessed.

**Blessed be God, who is our Bread; may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen**

The body of Christ given for you and the blood of Christ shed for you.

*During communion, you may take your communion elements during worship  
or hold on to your kit until you get home.*

*If you take the elements inside the church, open the kit over the pew to prevent spilling on the carpet.*

*After the service, please dispose of your own kit either in a waste receptacle at church or at home.*

The body & blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you & keep you in divine grace! **Amen**

**SENDING SONG**

**Change My Heart, Oh God**

*(as found in the ELCA worship books  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 801 and Worship & Praise # 28;  
also found in Group Praise & Worship Songbook)*

*Chorus:*

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.  
Change my heart, oh God; may I be like you.**

*Verse:*

**You are the potter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.**

*(Repeat as desired.)*

*CCLI Song # 1565*

*Text: based on Psalm 51:10, Isaiah 64:8, Jeremiah 18:5-6, and Romans 9:21,  
by Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953; Meter P M*

*Music: CHANGE MY HEART by Eddie Espinosa*

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace, pressing on in faith to become like Jesus!

**Thanks be to God!**

## PEACE

As Christ reconciles us with God, let us be reconciled with each other.

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**And also with you!**

Please share that peace with one another!

## POSTLUDE

### Thine the Amen

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship books,  
With One Voice # 801 and Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 826)*

Thine the amen thine the praise alleluias angels raise  
thine the everlasting head thine the breaking of the bread  
thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest then the cup  
thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

Thine the life eternally thine the promise let there be  
thine the vision thine the tree all the earth on bended knee  
gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading gone the cry  
gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Thine the truly thine the yes thine the table we the guest  
thine the mercy all from thee thine the glory yet to be  
then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war  
thine the living thine the loving evermore evermore.

Thine the kingdom thine the prize thine the wonder full surprise  
thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of thy ways  
thine the glory thine the story then the welcome to the least  
then the wonder all increasing at thy feast at thy feast.

Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light  
thine the river thine the tree then the Lamb eternally  
then the holy holy holy celebration jubilee  
thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee only thee.

*Text: based on Psalm 145:10-13 by Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926; Meter 14 14 15 14*

*Music: THINE by Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929*

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# Announcements

**Thank you to our Salem Bridgeport Team for Camp Calumet Lutheran's Walk the Walk 2023 -- "On the Road Again!"** This year our 9 walkers/bikers consisted of Pastor Marjo, Dave and Judy Albers, Eileen and Ray Anderson, Jean and Tom Larson, Cindy Roberts, and Dave Schulz, who together racked up a grand total of 1,775 miles! Please thank them for walking/biking on Salem's behalf to support our church camp! Stay tuned for the grand totals for this annual fundraising event!

**Since the Refill the Pantry program began,** we have collected over 5 ½ tons of food and nearly \$8,200 in donations for food pantries.

Refill the Pantry program will continue to help our local food pantries this fall. We added another Bridgeport food pantry, Nourish Bridgeport. Collections for five food pantries are scheduled from September 2 through October 28 every other Saturday.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Rich Lansing at (203) 520-3751 or [rlansing@optonline.com](mailto:rlansing@optonline.com).

**To sign up as a volunteer or driver, please go to:**

- ~~Sep 02 **Nourish Bridgeport**, Stop&Shop 1160 Kings Hwy Cutoff, Fairfield (Completed: 2,400 pounds of food and \$1,480 in cash)~~
- ~~Sep 16 **Bishop Jean Williams**, Stop&Shop 4531 Main Street, Bridgeport~~
- ~~Sep 30 **Sterling House**, Stop&Shop 200 E. Main St, Stratford~~
- **Oct 14 *Trumbull Food Pantry***, Stop&Shop 110 Quality St, Trumbull [volunteersignup.org/AD3L4](http://volunteersignup.org/AD3L4)
- **Oct 28 *Operation Hope***, Stop&Shop 760 Villa Ave, Fairfield [volunteersignup.org/8DXYW](http://volunteersignup.org/8DXYW)

**Thank you for your contributions to Salem's Food Assistance Fund!** While we may not have our own food pantry anymore, some of our members and others are still in need of food and Pastor Marjo distributes \$25 stop & shop cards as needed, requested and as available. We encourage you to donate to Salem's food assistance fund. You can give using the envelopes found in your quarterly envelope packet or you can put a check in the donation box at Salem marked "food assistance." In addition, you may send a check to the office or drop it in church mailbox or give it or cash to Pastor Marjo.

**If you'd like to do more than feed people,** you can also contribute to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund which is used to help members who have other financial needs.

**nOURish BRIDGEPORT's Hydroponic Farm** is now open to the public. Hours are Monday and Wednesday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and purchase leafy greens and herbs at 1895 Stratford Avenue, Stratford CT.



**There will be no Genesis Inner-View Chat and Chew this month. Instead, Jeanette “Momma J” Harris invites you to support the following two events:**

**Grace Lutheran Church invites you to their Country Store, Fair and Tag Sale, from 9:00 to 3:00 Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**, featuring huge tag sale, book nook, bake shop with homemade goodies, gift basket raffle, crafts & country café, serving a delicious menu. Free Admission & Parking. Handicapped Accessible. Rain or Shine. Everyone Welcome. For more info, go to [gracelutheranstratford.org](http://gracelutheranstratford.org).

**You are invited to the Stratford’s Children’s Business and Family Fun Fair from 10:00 to 1:00 on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** on the Paradise Green (corner of Main St. & Huntington Rd) in Stratford. Come and support young entrepreneurs who will be marketing their products.

**KEYS (Kids Empowered by Your Support) invites you to their 2023 Fall Benefit**, “Music – the Language of Us All”, celebrating KEYS founder, Rob Silvan, 7-10 pm Friday, **November 3<sup>rd</sup>**, at the Shorehaven Golf Club, 14 Canfield Avenue, Norwalk. Tickets are \$200/person and include International Food Stations, Full Bar, Dessert & Coffee, Live Music, Tributes, and a Paddle Raise. To RSVP, go to [KEYSMUSIC.org/Benefit](http://KEYSMUSIC.org/Benefit) or send your check or credit card info (name, number, exp date, security code, and signature) to KEYS, Inc., PO Box 532, New Canaan, CT 06840 by October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Please sign up today for this exciting and important event – an online discussion with Jeff Fuhrer about his new book, The Myth that Made Us: Beliefs about Racism and Meritocracy Broke Our Economy (And How to Fix It) by Jeff Fuhrer.** Pastor Marjo and Knute Ogren have worked together with the New England Synod’s Anti-Racist Advisory Board and Camp Calumet Lutheran to plan 2 opportunities for discussion: **6:30-7:45 pm Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**, and **9:30-10:45 am Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**. *A free book (which retails for 34.95 plus shipping!) will be mailed to the first 100 people who sign up for the event by October 20<sup>th</sup>!*

**[Click here to register](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejv2e0zo_usQ-FUFGLconMHyeqdmvWpFzD1pvGIYKPOMkNQ/viewform)**

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We are collecting for “Seafarers Christmas at Sea” now through December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Gift suggestions include woolen caps, sweatshirts (L or XL), thermal or white socks, chocolate, canned nuts, hard candy, Christmas cards, and money. Please place items in the marked box in the narthex on Sundays. A packing party will be held on Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>, following the Lutherans & Friends breakfast at 9:00 at Grace Lutheran Church, 150 Chapel Street, Stratford. If you have questions contact Carol Lansing at 203-520-3752

**Do you want to talk or pray with your pastor? Well, just like you call your doctor or dentist to schedule an annual wellness visit or a visit to deal with a particular issue, you can contact Pastor Marjo via text or phone at 203-982-3441, or through Office Manager Karl Kraft via text at 203-336-3300 or email at [salemsec123@sbcglobal.net](mailto:salemsec123@sbcglobal.net) . Our bodies are intimately connected with our minds and hearts and spirits, so the health of one part impacts the health of the other parts.**

**1. Get your annual “spiritual” – just the way you get your annual physical.**

Call or text Pastor Marjo at 203-982-3441 to arrange a time to discuss how you are, and let her know how she can pray for you.

Or if you prefer to use email to set something up, send your email to [salemsec123@sbcglobal.net](mailto:salemsec123@sbcglobal.net).

**2. Call in to our prayer line at 681-999-0232, using access code 673980#, at noon Mon-Fri for a brief time of prayer.**

You can remain silent and anonymous, ask for particular prayers, or offer your own prayers.

**OR join our weekly prayer gathering on Zoom, Wednesdays at noon, at this link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82882777326?pwd=VCtObFRPOGI3cTR3eII2ZmtiZEpadz09>

**3. Begin a fast or establish a new healthier habit.**

**4. Commit yourself to some new work of charity and one new work of justice.**

*If you’re wondering what the difference is, it’s like this.*

*If people are hungry and you give them fish, that’s CHARITY.*

*If people are hungry and you teach them to fish, that’s EMPOWERMENT.*

*If people are hungry and you work to change laws so that they receive high enough wages from their jobs so they can afford to buy fish, that’s JUSTICE.*

If you’re not sure how to “do justice” as God commands through the Prophet Micah (6:8), Pastor Marjo can offer suggestions.

## **UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS**

**Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, died 1996 (TFF)**

**Tuesday, October 10, 2023**

A native of Chicago, Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America.

Ordained in 1958, he served in positions

including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.

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# *The Country Store*



## *Fair and Tag Sale*

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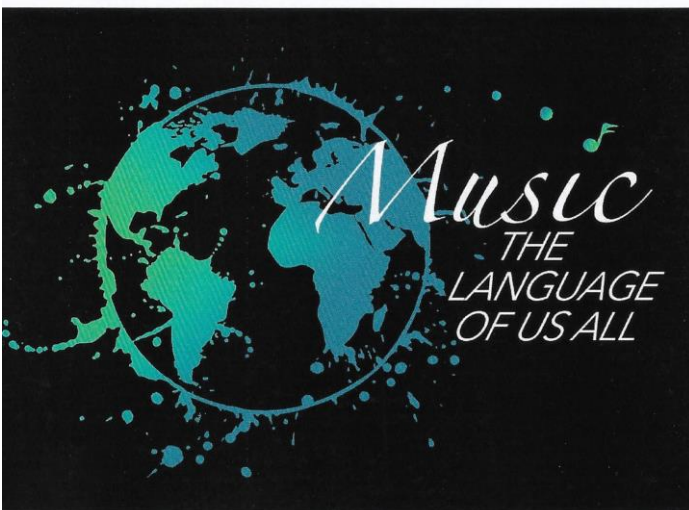




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## 2023 Fall Benefit



CELEBRATING KEYS FOUNDER

**ROB SILVAN**

FRIDAY | NOV 3 | 7-10 PM  
SHOREHAVEN GOLF CLUB  
14 CANFIELD AVE NORWALK CT



**TICKETS \$200 per person**

REPLY BY THE ENCLOSED CARD  
OR ONLINE AT [KEYSMUSIC.ORG/BENEFIT](https://KEYSMUSIC.ORG/BENEFIT)  
RSVP BY OCT. 20TH

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Kelley & Julien Jarreau  
Cathleen & Jon Morgan  
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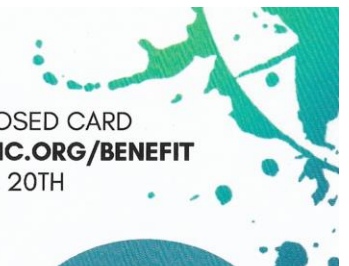
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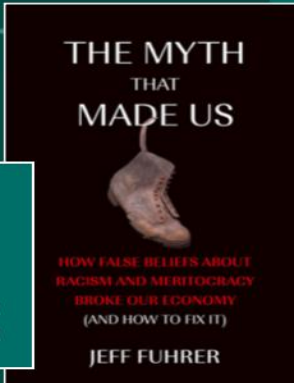
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## “Author Talk”

**This November — on Zoom**

*There is no cost for the book for the first 100 people who sign up for the event by OCT 20*



The synod's **Anti-Racist Advisory Board & Calumet** invites **People of Faith** to read & then gather for conversation.

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# Seafarers

## *Christmas at Sea*

**Collection dates: September 10 – December 3**

### **Gift Suggestions:**

- Woolen caps
- Sweatshirts (L-XL)
- Thermal or White Socks
- Chocolates
- Canned Nuts
- Hard Candy
- Christmas Cards
- Money



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